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# **SE Minnesota EMS Regional Update**

## ***February 2013***

**By: Don Hauge, Executive Director**

Well, February is nearly a memory and I am looking forward to SPRING!!!! We have been very busy in the Regional Office with classes, consortium, Legislative issues and of course our upcoming conference on March 15 & 16!

Here are a few things I would like to update you on:

### ***SE EMS “Heroes Among Us” Conference March 15 & 16!***

Our annual SE EMS Conference is just DAYS away and everything is on track for another wonderful time for our participants! As I mentioned last month, Ken Bouvier had to cancel from our conference (and 4 others) due to health concerns. Ken called me a couple of weeks ago to tell me he is doing ok but his Doctor will not let him travel until May. We are happy that he is doing well and our Conference Planning Committee has asked me to invite Ken to be our speaker next year, so cross your fingers! Ken’s replacement, Dave Page will do a wonderful job and is well known on the EMS speaking circuit. I think you will find his presentations interesting and educational. We thank Dave for filling in and look forward to hearing him speak.

We have passed the EARLY registration deadline as of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we have had a good response so far. You can still register for the conference but the cost has gone up to \$100/day and it will remain that price until the conference. We encourage you to send in a registration so we have a better idea of numbers for food.

We will have more vendors than last year and I believe a few new ones! If you are attending the conference, please make sure you stop and talk with our vendors, it is because of them that we have one of the lowest registration costs in Minnesota!

The Regional Office will also have some fleece full zip jackets with the SE Logo for sale in our booth during the conference. We will have a limited amount and sizes so make sure you come and check them out!

We look forward to seeing all of you at the conference and we truly appreciate your participation and suggestions. We want to make our conference one that you cannot wait to attend next year and we can only do that with your help!

## *Thanks to Cathy Anderson,*



**You can now Find Us on Facebook!** By “Liking” us on Facebook you can have information about the regional program come to you in your newsfeed. You can keep up with conference activities, upcoming programs and classes being offered. We will post photos from the conference and you can even share your services events and pictures as well.

Just go to [www.facebook.com/semnemergencymedicalservices](http://www.facebook.com/semnemergencymedicalservices) or by going to our website at [www.seems.com](http://www.seems.com) and clicking on the Find Us on Facebook icon in the upper right corner. The more “Likes” we get, the more interactive the site becomes.

I encourage you to pass on this information to your staff/crews. We would like to be able to get information on our classes, programs and upcoming events to more of our SE providers and Facebook can easily do that for us. Hope you “Like” us!

## *Training Program/ Consortium*

Cathy has been VERY busy that last few weeks with our training program which is wonderful! We have had a few EMT recertification classes that have been completed. We have an initial First Responder course going in Albert Lea and many First Responder Test outs for the services that are a part of the consortium. Cathy has also had some CPR classes scheduled, one recently at the Eagle Bluff Learning Center near Lanesboro. If you have any educational needs that we can help you with, please let us know.

Cathy has sent out an email to Service Directors to see if anyone is in need of a CEVO class and is willing to act as a host for that class. If you are interested in hosting a CEVO course for Ambulance providers, please give us a call or email us.

REMINDER, Diane Benson retired from the Regional Office on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cathy Anderson is now taking care of all training and Consortium issues. Please contact Cathy for any of your questions or concerns. Cathy’s email is [anderson.catherine@mayo.edu](mailto:anderson.catherine@mayo.edu)

## *Reminder....Have you completed your Radio Communication Verification Form??????*

Please see the email from Holly Hammann-Jacobs below:

### Important EMS Radio Communication Information

If your ambulance service has completed and returned the attached Two-Way Radio Communication Verification Form, thank you and please disregard this e-mail. **Reminder:** If your ambulance service has not completed and returned the form, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline the EMSRB would like to have all forms completed and returned is **March 31, 2013.**



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Ambulance Service Directors and Managers:

On behalf of Executive Director Biladeau this e-mail is to notify ambulance services of changes that have been made related to Two-Way Radio EMS Communication Plans. Please see the attached letter from Executive Director Biladeau (**2012 Radio Legislation Letter**) and the attached (**Two-Way Radio Communication Verification Form**). Please note that the “**Two-Way Radio Communication Verification Form**” needs to be completed and returned by **March 31, 2013**. The attached documents and additional information are also at the following link: [EMS Two-Way Radio Communication Information](#)

If you have questions or need additional information please contact me.

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***First Responder Training Funds DEADLINE approaching!!!!!!!!!!***

For those First Responder/Ambulance services that applied for and were awarded training funds for Fiscal Year 2013, the deadline to claim those funds is approaching. Below are the criteria from the application form:

Regional EMS funds are again available to official First Responder Squads in Southeastern Minnesota for the following courses: **First Responder Certification, First Responder Recertification, Emergency Medical Technician Certification, and Emergency Medical Technician Recertification**. A squad can apply for EMS funds to meet the training needs of both new and current members. Following is the allocation per person for each program: First Responder Certification (**\$175**), First Responder Recertification (**\$100**), EMT Certification (**\$300**), and EMT Recertification (**\$125**). ***BLS ambulance services who have a hardship variance and are using First Responders on their service CAN apply for the FR training funds! They are not, however, eligible for the EMT training funds because that is available through the EMSRB. Ambulance services only need to complete contact info and # to be trained.***

The **DEADLINE** for those services who received AWARD Letters verifying their participation is ***NO LATER THAN JUNE 7, 2013.***

If you have been awarded these funds, please make sure to get your documentation on training into the Regional office before the deadline!

### **Speakers Bureau**

Need some continuing education for your next meeting???? Please remember that the SE EMS Office offers the Speakers Bureau for services to use to get additional training. We have a wide variety of topics and speakers available. There are topics on Pediatrics, Trauma, Medical, Geriatrics, Hazmat, Drugs and Paraphernalia, Domestic Violence and Psychiatric/Combative Patients. All of these topics are described on our website [www.seems.com](http://www.seems.com) under Speakers Bureau. This is available through a SE regional subsidy that allows your service to train the entire group for only \$75 a session! You choose 2 possible topics that you would like to see and fill out the form on the Speakers Bureau webpage and we will find a speaker to come to YOUR SITE and do the presentation to your group! It does not get much easier than that!

If you have questions, please give us a call!

### **Program needs or ideas.....**

I am looking for your ideas for new programs that the Regional Program might be able to provide in the future. Maybe there was a program in the past that you liked and is no longer available? Please share those ideas with me by sending me an email. We are coming up on the time when we propose the programs that we will support for the next two years so it is important to me to know what you are thinking especially if there is training or equipment needs that you or other services may have. Your ideas will be brought to our Pre-hospital Advisory Committee at their February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those programs that are recommended by the PAC committee are then taken to our Joint Powers Board for approval.

### **Features on the SE Website**

I have really enjoyed learning more about the Ambulance Services and First Responder groups in our region that have been our “Providers of the Week”! I have had a lot of good comments on this section of the website and I would like to keep it going, BUT I need your help to keep this going! Ambulance Service Directors and First Responder/Fire Department/ Police Directors/Chiefs, please take a few minutes to fill out the SHORT form on the “Providers of the Week” tab so we can feature your service on our website. This is one very small way of recognizing your departments and all of the wonderful people who make it run!

### **NEW IDEA.....**

Do you have a person on your service that is retiring, celebrating years of service, or getting an award for service to the community??? We COULD also have a “Person of the week” featured on our website to highlight those individuals who have gone the extra mile, spent years volunteering/working for a service or who are an inspiration to others and whose story should be shared in hopes of inspiring others to volunteer for EMS.

I would love to hear your thoughts on this and will set up the page if you already have someone in mind.....Just call me or send me an email and we can get the ball rolling!!!

Remember, if you are looking for a class or information about programs provided by the SEEMS Office, check out our website at [www.seems.com](http://www.seems.com) !

Thank you for all you do and please be safe! Let me know if we can help you in any way!

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